

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katya Grover, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 402, 2/13/2015; HB 89, 2/13/2015

HEARING ON HB 402**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:27 Rep. Austin Knudsen (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 402, Generally revise laws related to oil and gas development.

[EXHIBIT\(aph35a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph35a02\)](#)

00:01:32 Rep. Woods arrived.

00:02:31 Rep. Mehlhoff arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:30 John Esp, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:10:09 Bob Gilbert, Dawson County, Rosebud County, Glendive County, Phillips County, Musselshell County (DC, RC, GC, PC, MC)

00:12:31 Bob Sivertsen, President, Highways 2 Association (H2A)

[EXHIBIT\(aph35a03\)](#)

00:14:56 Glenn Oppel, Government Relations Director, Montana Chamber of Commerce (COC)

00:15:55 Jon Metropoulos, Executive Director, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties (MAOGCC)

00:17:37 Rep. Doane, HD 36

00:18:25 Cary Hegreberg, Executive Director, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)

00:20:29 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority (DPRWA)

00:21:29 Patrick Murtagh, Sidney, Bainville, Culbertson, Glendive, Fairview

[EXHIBIT\(aph35a04\)](#)

00:24:15 Martin DeWitt, Executive Director, Great Northern Development Corporation (GNDC)

00:27:13 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc. (MRWS)

00:27:55 Shawn Higley, Town of Culbertson

00:30:10 E. J. Redding, Roosevelt County

00:31:11 Renee Rasmussen, Superintendent, Bainville Public School

00:34:10 Jason Rittal, Executive Director, Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation (EPEDC)

00:36:27 Jim Atchison, Executive Director, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation (SMDC)

00:38:26 Rep. Peppers arrived.

00:38:34 Dennis Portra, Mayor, City of Bainville

00:40:37 Jim Smith, Board Member, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:41:14 Ken Morrison, North-East Rural Schools (NERS)

00:41:52 Jeff Hintz, Director of Public Works, City of Sidney

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:54 Dan Villa, Budget Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:41 Rep. McCarthy
00:48:57 Martin DeWitt, GNDC
00:49:29 Rep. McCarthy
00:49:37 Martin DeWitt, GNDC
00:49:41 Rep. McCarthy
00:50:01 Rep. Woods
00:50:26 Rep. Knudsen
00:51:01 Rep. Woods
00:51:25 Rep. Knudsen
00:51:30 Rep. Woods
00:51:54 Rep. Knudsen
00:51:58 Rep. Woods
00:52:01 Rep. Knudsen
00:52:08 Rep. Woods
00:53:01 Rep. Knudsen
00:53:33 Rep. Brodehl arrived.
00:54:19 Rep. Woods
00:55:03 Cary Hegreberg, MCA
00:55:48 Rep. Dudik
00:56:18 Rep. Knudsen
00:57:20 Rep. Dudik
00:57:33 Rep. Knudsen
00:58:00 Rep. Dudik
00:58:16 Chair Ballance
00:58:21 Rep. Dudik
00:58:42 Rep. Knudsen
00:59:13 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:59:56 Rep. Knudsen
01:00:43 Rep. Noonan
01:01:28 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:05:01 Rep. Noonan
01:05:12 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:06:37 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:07:11 Renee Rasmussen, Superintendent, Bainville Public School
01:07:31 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:08:08 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:11:22 Rep. Tropila
01:11:39 Chair Ballance
01:11:44 Rep. Tropila
01:11:46 Chair Ballance
01:11:54 Rep. Tropila
01:12:50 Cary Hegreberg, MCA
01:13:10 Rep. Tropila
01:14:23 Rep. Knudsen
01:15:39 Rep. Tropila
01:17:04 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:19:40 Rep. Noonan
01:20:36 Rep. Knudsen

01:21:38 Rep. Woods
01:22:17 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:23:25 Rep. McCarthy
01:24:20 Chair Ballance
01:24:27 Rep. Dudik
01:25:08 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:29:36 Chair Ballance
01:30:08 Rep. Knudsen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:27 Rep. Knudsen

HEARING ON HB 89

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:32:15 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 89, Generally revise human trafficking laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:34:58 Jon Bennion, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:39:33 Rep. Holmlund
01:39:54 Rep. Dudik
01:40:09 Rep. Ellis
01:40:47 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:41:44 Rep. Ellis
01:42:58 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:43:57 Rep. Woods
01:44:22 Rep. Dudik
01:44:48 Rep. Woods
01:45:02 Rep. Dudik
01:45:28 Chair Ballance
01:46:00 Rep. Dudik
01:46:36 Chair Ballance
01:47:11 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:48:07 Chair Ballance
01:48:21 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:48:36 Chair Ballance
01:49:05 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:49:20 Chair Ballance
01:49:35 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:49:41 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:50:25 Rep. Glimm

01:50:42 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:51:27 Rep. Glimm
01:52:00 Joe Triem, LFD
01:54:48 Rep. Holmlund
01:55:09 Rep. Ellis
01:55:38 Chair Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:22 Rep. Dudik

01:57:09 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

01:57:52 Adjournment

Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph35aad.pdf](#))